

### AUDITIONS SLATED FOR ACTORS

Auditions for male actors for a dramatic experimental motion picture will be held Thursday between 8 and 10 p.m. at the Polynesian Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance. Conducted by Will Zens, producer, these auditions will be for mature men over 35 years of age, for parts in this film to be shot on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Mr. Zens has had considerable experience in the motion picture field, having made films for the city of Torrance, the Torrance Fire Department, and various industrial firms locally. This production will be a full length feature type film made for theaters. Its story deals with spies and satellites.

Men accepted for parts will be called on for either day or night filming, all to be done locally in the Palos Verdes hills. Shooting will commence within the next two weeks.

### Lions Dragstrip Will Display New SpeedCar

The only public display of the Thompson Challenger I, the four-engined car in which El Monte's Mickey Thompson will attempt to break the world's land speed record of 394.2 MPH, will be this Saturday night at the Lions Associated Drag Strip, 223rd and Alameda.

Thompson, the director of racing for this non-profit drag strip which is sponsored by nine Long Beach area Lions Clubs, announced that he'll fire up the home-built streamliner and let it roll the length of the quarter-mile strip. Mickey and his crew will be on hand to answer all questions from 3:30 o'clock until 10:45 o'clock when the strip closes after more than seven hours of time and speed trials.

The Thompson Challenger is powered by four 500 horsepower Pontiac engines, each with a displacement of 410 cubic inches. They are mounted in pairs to each axle, and with fuel injection turn from 5800 to 6000 revolutions per minute.

The car in which the late John Cobb of England set the 394.2 MPH mark had two 1300 horsepower engines. It was 26 feet long, eight feet wide and over 48 inches high. Thompson's car is only 19 feet, seven inches long, 54 inches at its widest and only 39 inches high. The English car weighed almost 7000 pounds to Thompson's 4000.

Last year, Mickey became the "fastest American on wheels" when he drove his home-built streamliner to 294 MPH on Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats. The Thompson Challenger I is an improvement from this car.

### Construction On Data Processing Center Started

Construction has begun on the Olympic Data Processing Center, the building that will house International Business Machines Corporation RAMAC 305 computer during the VIII Olympic Winter Games at Squaw Valley, February 18-28, 1960. After the Games the building, along with all the other Olympic facilities, will be turned over to the California State Park Commission.

The Olympic Data Processing Center will be the informational center of activity during the Games. The IBM RAMAC will process scores of all events as they progress and provide instantaneous results for spectators and all news-gathering media at Squaw Valley and throughout the world.

Use of RAMAC will mark the first time in Olympic history that information will be processed and disseminated in minutes rather than hours. Two minutes after an event is over, preliminary results will be available. At the same time, the RAMAC will be producing teletype tape for use on a special circuit to various International Press Headquarters.

In addition to calculating and printing results, RAMAC will prepare starting orders immediately after the seedings, prepare recording forms for the Race Committees, print official results and prepare and print competitor certificates for each racer, showing his personal score and placing in each event.

As the games progress, up-

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